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FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE MUSCAT

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1. ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL REFER ONLY TO PC OPERATION IN OMAN AND BAHRAIN. IT HAS NEVER BEEN CONTEMPLATED THAT ADMINISTRATION OF OMANI PROGRAM SHOULD BE SHIFTED. WITH PENDING DEPARTURE OF PC DIRECTOR BURNS, THERE MAY BE NEED FOR STOP-GAP COVERAGE FROM TEHRAN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS REPLACEMENT IS IN PLACE AND ABLE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFICULTIES IN SUCH ARRANGEMENT.

2. CONCERNING PC PROGRAM IN BAHRAIN, BURNS HAS BEEN OF OPINION THAT THIS COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY BE ADMINISTERED FROM TEHRAN. SIZE OF OMANI PROGRAM ARGUES FOR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF DIRECTOR. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE LOGISTICALLY EASIER TO OVERSEE BAHRAINI PROGRAM FROM IRAN. CONCERNING BAHRAINI SENSITIVITIES, WE, OF COURSE, WOULD DEFER TO MANAMA

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(SEE MANAMA 768); HOWEVER, FROM PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE POINT

OF VIEW, EMBASSY ENDORSES BURNS' RECOMMENDATION THAT PC
DIRECTOR/OMAN BE RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BAHRAIN
PROGRAM.
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